

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021 via Zoom

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Present: Selectboard members Richard Baker, Christopher Martin, and Laurie Colgan; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; Visitor Michael Sabourin

At 5:44 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin at the close of the BCA meeting.

**Changes or additions to the agenda:** Personnel Issue

**Public Comment:** none

**Approval of Minutes:** The Board approved the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting

**COVID-19 update:** The Board will keep the Old Schoolhouse closed at least until their next meeting.

**Town Meeting Update:** Bobbi has arranged a temporary upgrade to the town Zoom account, to allow for a toll-free number for the informational hearing. The Board discussed the logistics of that meeting. They decided to limit presentations by outside boards to 3 minutes each. Chris moved to approve the warning, pending any petitions that come in between now and Thursday February 18. Rich seconded – all in favor.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** New England Municipal Consultants, the company that has been hired to do the town-wide reappraisal, will lease the vacant space beginning on March 1. Dan Tetreault will paint the space before the tenant takes possession. The carpet also needs to be replaced. Bobbi noted that the insurance company has pointed out that the old wrinkled carpet is a tripping hazard. Chris explained that the carpet could be glued or installed over pad. The Board agreed to put pad under the carpet in the newly leased space. The Board also discussed the need for carpet in the Village office, and whether or not it makes sense to use pad in a space that is below grade. Chris will talk look at the Village space again, and talk to the Village clerk about whether or not to do pad there. The Board will discuss the new carpet for the Village office at their next meeting.

**Certificate of Highway Miles:** The Board approved it with no changes.

**Forest Legacy Program:** Forest Farmers is conveying the easement to take effect this spring. The land will remain open to the public forever. They would like to make a presentation to the Selectboard and the Conservation Commission. Laurie suggested that they could make a presentation to the Boards, but have a separate presentation geared towards the public. The Board will invite them to come to the second meeting in April.

**Stranahan Town Forest:** Chris met with Neil Dunlop from Hollister Hill Farm. They are not planning to do any sugaring other than what Bob and Lee Light have been doing. Bobbi asked the

Board how long they want the lease for. Rich moved to approve a 5-year lease. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

**Dump Truck:** Rich moved to approve the purchase of a 2021 International dump truck from Clark's Truck Center. The cost will be \$130,955 to replace the 2016 truck. Laurie seconded – all in favor.

**Fill Policy:** Chris checked with Vermont Local Roads. They don't have a recommended policy. The State only dumps fill on state-owned land. Stowe does the same. The Board decided that any new dump sites need to be reviewed by the Selectboard.

**Personnel:** Scott Ciampi has taken on extra work since Shane Brickey left. Rich moved to give him a 25 cents per hour raise in light of the additional work and initiative that he has shown. Chris seconded – all in favor.

**Executive Session:** At approximately 7:00, Chris moved to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter, premature knowledge of which would place the town at a disadvantage. Laurie seconded – all in favor. The Board returned to open session at 7:12 p.m.

**Ordinances:** The Board reviewed a draft of the Cemetery Ordinance and made changes. They will meet with the Cemetery Sexton to go over another draft.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll and authorized Rich to sign them. They approved liquor licenses for the Marshfield Village Store, Maplefields, and Rivers Edge Quik Stop.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the February 16, 2021 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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